

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Su Chen

Title: OXYGEN-18 LABELED
ORGANIC ACIDS AND USE IN
DIAGNOSING METABOLIC
DISORDERS

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Examiner: Moss, Keri A.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 8, 2009, please consider the following remarks.

The Examiner requires two species elections. First, the Examiner requires election of a single specie of organic acid from the list recited in claims 46-53. Second, the Examiner requires the election of a single specie relating to the number of oxygen-18-labeled organic acids present in the standard that is added to the sample in the claimed method.

With respect to the first required election, Applicant elects **dihydroxy mono acids** for examination, without traverse.